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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN REACTION TO TRADE ACT: BEST VISIT

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1. ROBERT BEST WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AND GIVEN PRELIMINARY BRIEFING BY EMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 13. HE PLANS TO BE WITH OPUS DEI FRIENDS FEBRUARY 14 AND WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY OVER WEEKEND FOR INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH VENEZUELAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AMCHAM) OFFICIALS (WHO ARE PAYING HIS EXPENSES). BEST WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY SEVERAL LOCAL OPUS DEI REPRESENTATIVES, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT LOCAL PRESS IS AWARE OF HIS ARRIVAL.

2. BEST IS SCHEDULED FOR THOROUGH BRIEFING AT EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 17 PRIOR TO LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE TO WHICH I HAVE INVITED SELECT GROUP OF VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AND AMCHAM OFFICIALS. WE EXPECT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE GOV ATTITUDE TOWARD POSSIBLE AMENDATORY PROVISIONS TO TRADE ACT AND WILL REPORT RESULTS.
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